



**ARIZONA READY EDUCATION COUNCIL
GRADUATION RATE TASKFORCE**

**August 21, 2012 @ 3:00 p.m.
Valley of the Sun United Way
1515 East Osborn Road
Phoenix, AZ 85014**

AGENDA

The Arizona Ready Education Council (Council) Graduation Rate Taskforce will discuss and may take action on the following matters. Members will attend either in person or by telephone conference call. Public comment will be taken. The public will be allotted three minutes each to address the Taskforce during the Call to the Public section of the agenda.

Meeting Objectives:

- Discuss efforts to create quality standards for youth development
- Discuss research and efforts around chronic absenteeism
- Discuss data needs for CTE data analysis
- Review draft graduation/dropout research plan
- Review updated recommendation sheet
- Discuss CTE Pathways alignment

Vision: By 2020, Arizona will be home to the best students and the best schools in the nation.

Mission: To monitor progress towards Arizona's rigorous education goals and determine if reform strategies are improving student learning, and to ensure the fidelity of implementation of Arizona Ready.

Goals:

- Increase the percentage of third graders meeting state reading standards to 94% in 2020 from 70% in 2010;
- Increase the percentage of eighth graders achieving at or above basic on the National Assessment of Education Programs (NAEP) to 85% in 2020 from 67% in math and 68% in reading in 2010;
- **Raise the high school graduation rate to 93% in 2020 from 73% in 2010;** and
- Double the number of students receiving baccalaureate degrees to 36,000 per year.

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| 1. Call to Order, Welcome, & Introductions | Darcy Renfro |
| 2. Review & Discussion: Outside of School Academic Quality Standards | Michelle Gayles |
| 3. Review & Discussion: Chronic Absenteeism | Michelle Gayles |
| 4. Review & Discussion: CTE Data Needs | Kerry McConnell |
| 5. Review & Discussion: Graduation/Dropout Research Plan | Kerry McConnell |
| 6. Review & Discussion: Updated Recommendations | Rebecca Gau |
| 7. Review & Discussion: CTE Pathways | Patti Beltram |
| 8. Council Comments | Taskforce Members |
| 9. Call to the Public | Merl Waschler |
| 10. Adjourn | Merl Waschler |

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